

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 2, 2008 has been carefully considered. Within the Office Action Claims 1-3 and 6-11 have been rejected. Claim 5 has been objected to and the specification as well as drawings have been objected to. The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 11 and has cancelled Claim 5. The Applicant reserves the right to further pursue the cancelled claim in a continuation and/or divisional application as well as for appeal purposes. In addition, the Applicant has added new Claims 15 and 16. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejoinder of Claims

During prosecution of the present application, Claims 4 and 12-14 were withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. Considering that Claims 4 and 12-14 were dependent on allowable generic Claim 1, rejoinder of Claims 4 and 12-14 is respectfully requested.

Drawings

The drawings originally filed with the present application have been objected to in the Office Action. Applicant has amended Figures 1, 14, and 18. With regard to Figure 1, Applicant has added the air storage tank 99 and an air temperature controller 98 to the figure and has also amended the specification to bring Figure 1 and the specification into conformity with one another. Figure 14 has been amended to include reference numeral "22d" and Figure 18 has been amended to include "(Prior Art)". Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph Rejection

Claims 6-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the patentable subject matter. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,169,196 to Safabakhsh. Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,903,717 to Sumnitsch.

The Applicant respectfully traverses. However, to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the limitations in objected-to Claim 5. Allowance of Claim 1, and all dependent claims, is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over either Sumnitsch or Safabakhsh in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,322,116 to Stevens. Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over either Sumnitsch or Safabakhsh in view of Japanese Patent No. 59-155141 to Yoshinori et al. (hereinafter “Yoshinori”). These rejections are respectfully traversed. However, Claims 9 and 11 are dependent on allowable Claim 1. Thus, Claims 9 and 11 are allowable.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The specification improperly refers to the claims by their specific claim number (see pages 3-5). Since the final claim numbering has not been determined, such reference in the specification is improper.

Applicant has amended the paragraphs on pages 3-5. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

New Claims

The Applicant has added new Claims 15 and 16 to the present application, whereby Claims 15 and 16 are dependent on Claim 1. The Applicant believes that New claims are fully supported by the specification and no new matter has been added. Allowance of new Claims 15 and 16 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is believed that this reply places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this reply is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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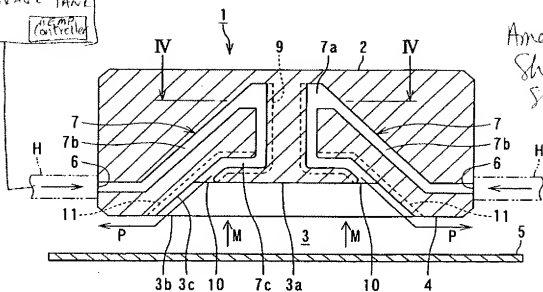


FIG. 1

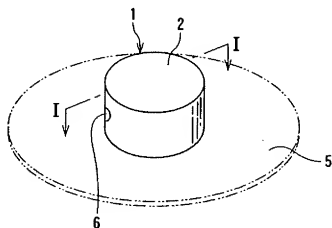


FIG. 2

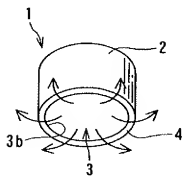


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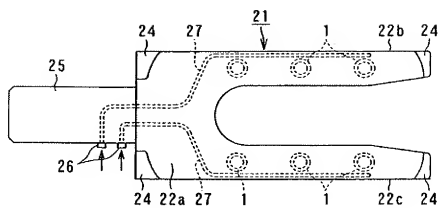


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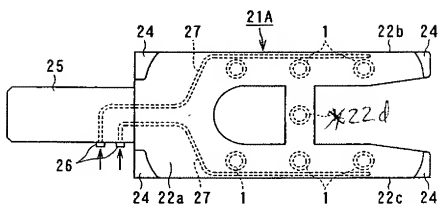


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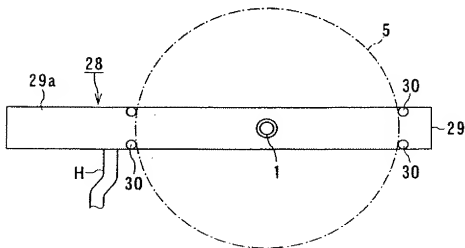


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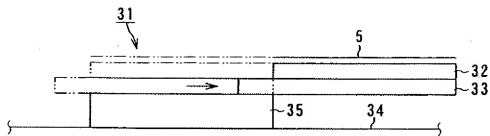


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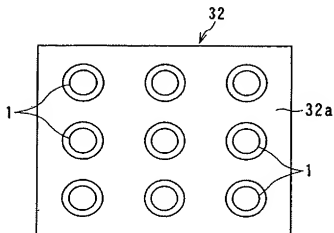


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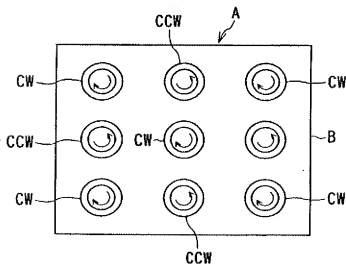


FIG. 18 (PRIOR ART)